

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 26, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

In the specification, the abstract of the disclosure has been amended to delete the figure label numerals included therein. In the drawings, Figure 2 has been amended to replace label numeral 3 identifying the blowup section shown in Figure 3 with "Fig. 3." Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-29 remain pending in the application and are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. Applicant has canceled claims 26-29 without prejudice. Applicant has amended claims 3-4, 6-8, 12-13, and 17-21 to correct minor errors in form and more clearly recite aspects of the invention. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference.

The claims have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

Species I: Claims 1-25, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 285, subclass 333

Species II: Claims 26-29, drawn to a method of assembly, classified in class 166, subclass 244.1+

Applicant provisionally elects Species I, without traverse. Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal or modification of the restriction and/or election requirement. Applicant respectfully requests prosecution of claims 1-25.

Respectfully submitted,



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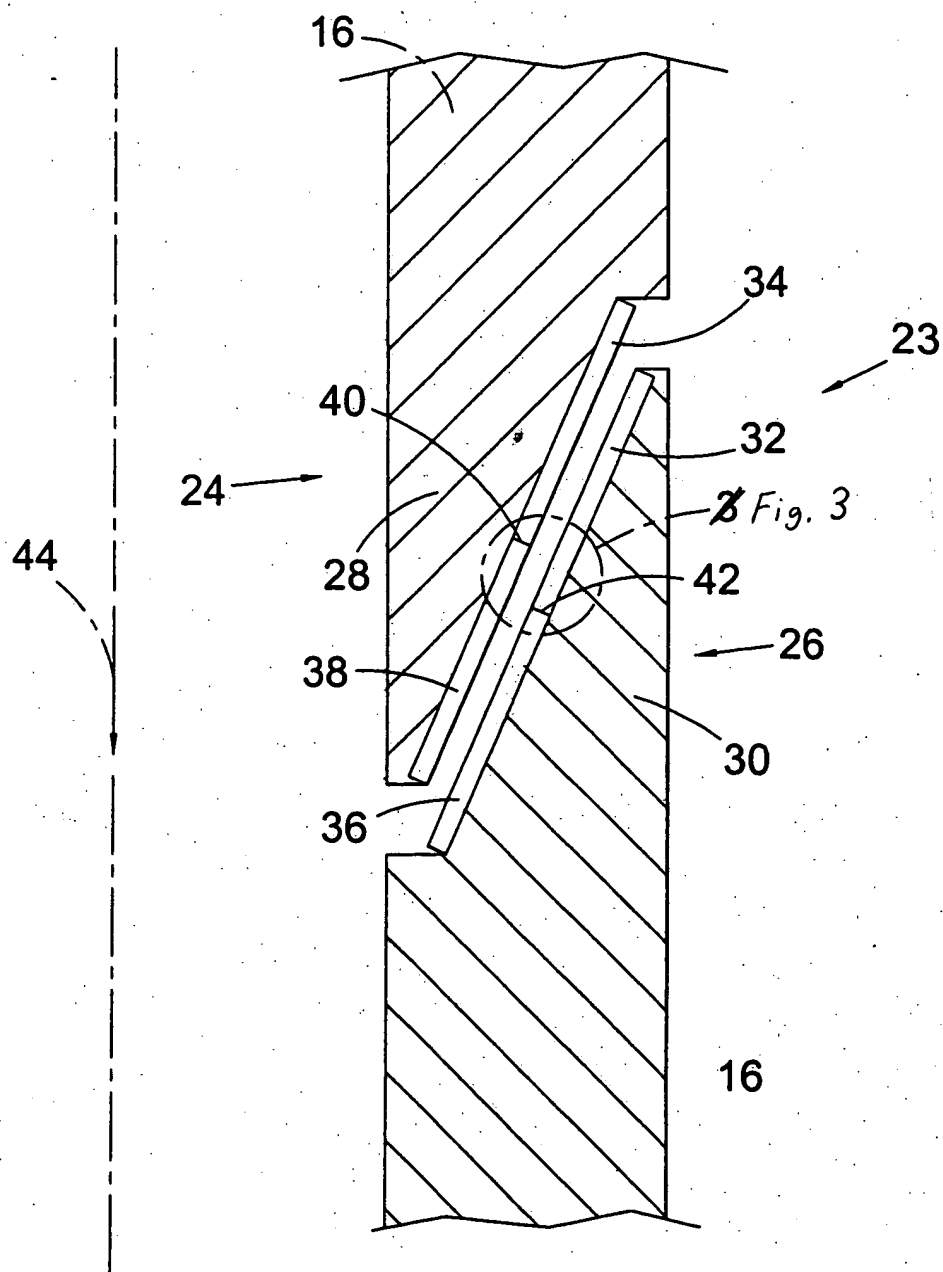


Fig. 2